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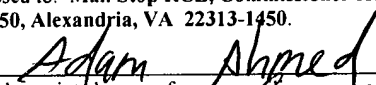
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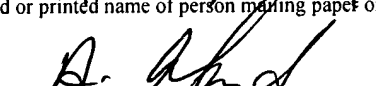
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**PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REQUEST FOR REVIEW**

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Sir:

Applicant requests a Pre-Appeal Brief Conference for review of the Final Rejection dated March 23, 2006 in the above-captioned application, in accordance with the July 12, 2005 Notice in the USPTO Official Gazette. No amendments are being filed with this request. This request is being filed with a Notice of Appeal. Please consider the reasons stated herein.

**I. REASONS FOR REQUEST**

Applicants request a Pre-Appeal Brief Conference to review the rejection of claims 1-4 and 6-7 under 35 U.S.C. §103 as allegedly unpatentable over U.S. Patent No. 6,018,816 to Tateyama in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,460,635 to Kwon et al. (hereinafter, merely “Kwon”).

**II. FACTUAL BASIS**

The last entered amendment of the claims at issue, 1-4 and 6-7, was provided in Applicant’s December 12, 2005 reply to the Office Action mailed on August 10, 2005. Applicant filed a reply on May 30, 2006 in reply to a Final Action mailed on February 7, 2006. Applicant did not amend the claims at issue and made only arguments.

The February 7 Final Office Action rejected claims 1-4 and 6-7, in relevant part, because the Office Action asserted that term “protocol” used in the Tateyama and Kwon references was equivalent to the term “profile” as used in the claims at issue. Feb. 7, 2006 Office Action, page 4. Applicant contends that the definition of “profile” is provided in the specification as filed and does not equate to a “protocol” as alleged.

### III. ARGUMENTS

#### THE CLAIMS ARE PATENTABLE OVER THE REFERENCES USING THE DEFINITION OF “PROFILE” AS PROVIDED IN THE SPECIFICATION

Independent claim 1 is representative and recites, *inter alia*:

“control means for controlling said input/output means to transmit to said data source side the profile information indicating a profile coped with by said picture processing means, as search results, responsive to the inputting of a command for searching a profile to said input/output means . . .” (emphases added).

Applicant disputes the equivalence, as asserted in the Office Action, between “profile” as used in the claims and “protocol,” a term of art. Applicant’s arguments are provided on pages 10-11 of the May 30, 2006 reply to the February 7, 2006 Final Action. Those arguments are stated clearly.

Applicant now also points to MPEP 2111.01 from which the following quotes are taken. “During examination, the claims must be interpreted as broadly as their terms reasonably allow. *In re American Academy of Science Tech Center*, 367 F.3d 1359, 1369, 70 USPQ2d 1827, 1834 (Fed. Cir. 2004) . . . This means that the words of the claim must be given their plain meaning unless applicant has provided a clear definition in the specification. *In re Zletz*, 893 F.2d 319, 321, 13 USPQ2d 1320, 1322 (Fed. Cir. 1989)” (emphasis added).

“Where an explicit definition is provided by the applicant for a term, that definition will control interpretation of the term as it is used in the claim. *Toro Co. v. White Consolidated Industries Inc.*, 199 F.3d 1295, 1301, 53 USPQ2d 1065, 1069 (Fed. Cir. 1999)” (emphasis added).

Applicant has defined “profile” in the specification: “The profile information denotes the type of the picture data that can be coped with by the printing device (5).” Par. [0098]. That definition indicates the particular one of the many meanings of “profile” that the claim is using and is not far from one dictionary definition of “profile:” “a set of data often in graphic form portraying the significant features of something.” *Merriam-Webster Online Dictionary*, 2005-2006. Neither the specification nor the claims give any indication that “profile” as used in the claims is undefined or ambiguous. Thus, there is no reason for the Office Action to seek extrinsic information and substitute “protocol,” a term of art in communications, for “profile,” as defined in the specification.

The Advisory Action of June 14, 2006 states, “This definition (of the claim term “profile”) is not the understood dictionary definition, and therefore not one that one of ordinary skill in the art would deduce from the reading of the claim.” This is not a correct statement of the law and not a proper application of the strictures of the MPEP.

Applicant contends that claim 1 is patentable over Tateyama and Kwon when using the definition of “profile” as defined in the specification.

Claims 2-4 and 6-7 are believed patentable for at least the same reasons as claim 1.

In view of the foregoing remarks and arguments, it is believed that claims 1-4 and 6-7 in this application are patentable and Applicant respectfully requests early passage to issue of the present application.

Respectfully submitted,

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